Culture-13, Commerce-91, Urban Development-6714, Pers and Trg. 35, Tourism-28, Industrial Policy and Promotion-134. As a result of orders issued by the Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India to restrict the direct recruitment to 1/3 of the annual direct recruitment vacancies subject to the condition that this does not exceed one percent of the total strength of a particular Department, around 55,500 posts have been identified for abolition.

Simplifications of procedure of tax refunds

†2195. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to simplify the procedure of tax refunds in order to streamline the tax administration and to provide immediate relief to the tax-payers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) With a view to improve Tax payer services, the Government has simplified the proceedure for issue of refunds by:

(i) discontinuing the system of sending Advice Note to the Bank separately in cases of refunds upto Rs. 9999/-

(ii) it has also been decided that there would be no separate Refund Books for refunds upto Rs. 9999/- and refunds of Rs. 10,000/- and above. The refund stationery has, therefore, been revised and now the Refund Books in 1+3 form will be used for all refunds irrespective of the monetary limits;

(iii) it has also been decided to prepare refunds on Pre-printed Continuous Computer Stationery so that refunds are issued expeditiously and tax payers' grievances are minimized.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.